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everyone deserves
a decent
place to live

Raise Your Voice for Affordable Homeownership

Your advocacy to increase access to stable, affordable housing is needed now more than ever. The significant impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout are still unfolding and the number of families struggling to make ends meet continues to grow.

When you advocate with Habitat for Humanity, you're helping to change systems and policies in the U.S., and you're working alongside people in your community and across the nation who care passionately about creating affordable homes and stronger communities. In places where smart rules and regulations about land and building are established, there is more access to safe, affordable housing. In other places, where policies and systems are weak, there can be barriers to finding land suitable for building a home, building the home itself or ensuring that the home is affordable.



Habitat is uniquely positioned to influence policies and systems. In addition to our direct construction and renovation work in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable shelter, we have the ability – and, now more than ever, the responsibility – to promote concrete, practical public policy housing solutions, ensuring that more families can find appropriate, quality, affordable housing across the U.S.

Welcome Habitat on the Hill 2023: Advocacy for Impact February 7-9, 2023

After two impactful virtual conferences, home affordability advocates from across the country went back to Washington, D.C., for our annual legislative conference, Habitat on the Hill!

At Habitat on the Hill 2023: Advocacy for Impact, participants learned about the implications of a changing political environment on housing policy and discussed challenges and solutions for advancing Black homeownership with national and local housing experts. Additionally, they met with congressional offices, celebrated a year of policy successes at all levels of government, and left with the tools necessary to increase their advocacy impact locally – all while connecting with peers in our nation's capital.



Thank you to [The Home Depot Foundation](#) and [Wells Fargo](#) for sponsoring this year's conference.



Habitat ReStore of Sonoma County is a reuse store that accepts donations and sells home improvement items to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter in Sonoma County — a good deal for you, your community, and the environment.

Offering a 28,000 sq. ft. discount home improvement, ReStore sells new and gently-used building materials, furniture and antiques. Here you will find appliances, cabinets, antiques, furniture, doors, windows, flooring, plumbing, tools, garden, paint, and lighting.

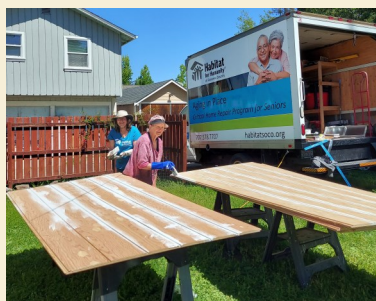
Roaming around, and soaking in all the great items available is just the beginning. It's the friendly and caring staff that helps make Habitat of Sonoma County ReStore the Bohemian's 2023 Best of the North Bay—Best Resale Store (4) years in a row.



Inventory is donated by individuals, contractors, businesses, and wholesalers. And profits from ReStore helps Habitat for Humanity build affordable homes in Sonoma County, while diverting reusable household items and building materials from area landfills.

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Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday: 10:00am–6:00pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: Closed
Donations:
Monday – Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm



Habitat's **Aging in Place** program helps older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities age at home and in communities of their choice. We use a holistic approach to evaluate individuals needs and provide critical **home repairs and modifications** specific to each homeowner's lifestyle to help preserve their home and their independence.

For example, repairing flooring, replacing single pane windows, installing lever door handles, ramps, rails and raised toilets could make a home more accessible while providing independence and safety.

Our impact-safe and accessible housing is a key social determinant of health. As leaders in housing, with our vast network across the United States and evidence-based approach, **Habitat's Aging in Place program advances both housing and health equity for older Americans.**

If you or you know someone in need of this program please call (707) 291-3891 or email repair@habitatsoco.org to see if qualified. Accepting applications now.

Announcing New Board Leadership

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

Habitat of Sonoma County announces new leadership of the board of directors' Chairman Dr. Douglas Garrison, and Vice Chairman Chuck McPherson effective January 1, 2023.



Dr. Douglas Garrison, board member at Habitat of Sonoma County is now Board Chair.

Dr. Garrison enjoyed a 39-year career in the California Community Colleges, culminating in service as the Superintendent/President of Monterey Peninsula College for seven years. Previously, he was Vice President/Executive Dean at Santa Rosa Junior College, where he worked for twelve years to develop the college's second campus in Petaluma. After retirement, he taught higher education budgeting and financial management at Middlebury College's graduate program at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Since returning to Sonoma County in 2016, he has served on the Habitat for Humanity, Sonoma County Homeowner Selection Committee and Board of Directors as well as the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves as the Curriculum Coordinator for the Oakmont Lifelong Learning program.



Chuck McPherson, board member at Habitat of Sonoma County is now Board Vice Chair.

For more than two decades, Chuck has transformed teams of all sizes through organizational effectiveness, change management, strategic planning, and professional development initiatives. His success reflects his commitment to leading through untraditional planning processes, managing relationships, improving organizational behavior, and driving organizational results. Formerly a senior human resources manager at Hewlett-Packard and Agilent Technologies, Chuck managed major strategic and human resource projects across multiple geographic locations and cross-functional departments.

In 2004, Chuck formalized a business partnership that began as a collaborative consulting agreement with Scott Ormerod, which led to their business, Leap Solutions Group, Inc.

Tim Leach, who served as Board President since 2019 said, "I am excited for Habitat of Sonoma County to have two very experienced and successful leaders, Doug and Chuck, assume the leadership of our Board. The future for affordable housing in Sonoma County is bright!"



HOMES FOR GENERATIONS

Rock the Block Rohnert Park

1 Community
2 Days Filled with Hope

Join us on June 9 & 10, 2023, for our 1st Annual Rock the Block



In partnership with the City of Rohnert Park and Sparc, Inc. Habitat of Sonoma County will complete repairs on **15 homes** in one neighborhood. This will include exterior painting, siding repair, skirting, fence repair, and other needs. These repairs will allow our homeowner **neighbors** to live in their home safely whilst preserving their home.

With food vendors, local partners, and activities for the family, please come join us for two days of community fun!

Register today for our 1st Annual Rock the Block and you will be standing with your neighbors to make **communities** safer, more beautiful, and more accessible.

For more information:
Habitatsoco/rocktheblock

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**Thank You to Our
1st Annual
Rock the Block
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With your car donations, Habitat of Sonoma County ranked 350 out of 1068 affiliates countrywide.

When you **donate your car to Habitat for Humanity**, you're helping us build and repair homes alongside Sonoma County families.



THANK YOU!



To help keep Habitat's Affordable Home Ownership and Aging in Place programs operating in Sonoma County, please donate to:
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Or visit Habitat's website at: habitatsoco.org/donate/

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WE CAN BUILD**

